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The Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) is run at the Center on Contemporary Studies (CCC) and sponsored by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). PASCC awards and supports strategic studies and dialogues that anticipate and try to reduce the threat of WMD capabilities.



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European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogue

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Objective:

The project will investigate challenging nuclear issues facing NATO in general, and the P-3 (United States, United Kingdom, and France) in particular, to promote trilateral understanding on nuclear issues, enhance scholarship on the emerging challenges faced by these critical allies, and provide insight to policymakers, experts, and the public about the evolving nature and future of the P-3 partnership. This effort is increasingly important as new obstacles to P-3 unity on nuclear issues emerge from both external challenges and internal barriers to consensus policy positions.

Approach:

The European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogue will feature two meetings. One will be in London in May 2016 and the other will be in Washington, DC, in November 2016. The meetings will result in at least one “consensus statement” signed by the dialogue’s Track 2 participants, followed by submission of an analytic report summarizing the results of the strategic dialogue—namely the qualitative differences and concurrences among the P-3 partners. The dialogue seeks to promote insights and policy recommendations that contribute to P-3 unity on nuclear issues ranging from defining the future of disarmament to arms control, verification and nonproliferation. Moreover, it will discuss the role nuclear weapons play in the evolving security environment, advance NATO’s nuclear policy, and enhance material security.

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